


**REMARKS**

Claims 61-94 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-60 have been cancelled. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please charge \$770.00 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to Deposit Account No. 26-0084 per the attached transmittal. Please also consider this is a request to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for four months from August 17, 2004 to December 17, 2004. Applicant is a large entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account number 26-0084 the amount of \$1,530.00 to cover the cost of the four month extension per the attached transmittal. Also charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$604.00 for 14 claims over 20 (\$18 each) and 4 independent claims over 3 (\$88 each) per the transmittal attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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